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EX-KING MICHAEL

WAR IN GREECE

Guerillas On Run

Athens, Dec. 30. — The Government today said that Greek reinforcements, striking from the Jannina area, had driven General Markos Vafthiades' guerillas from the hills south and southwest of besieged Konitsa and were smashing at the "iron ring" around the town.

The War Minister, M. George Siratos, said the Government counter-offensive was progressing "successfully and rapidly" and claimed that the guerillas south of Konitsa were retreating northward before an attack of the Eighth Division. He said the town defenders had repulsed all attacks, indicating that relief had not yet reached Konitsa itself.

A small force of about 700 men is holding the town against attacks by some 3,000 guerillas headed by Markos himself and the townsmen have radioed urgent appeals for help.

SUPPLIES FROM AIR

Government Air Force planes, favoured by clear weather over the rugged hills of Northwest Greece, dropped food and other supplies to the isolated Konitsa defenders during the day.

M. Siratos said the advancing troops had cleared the strategic hilltops between Kalpaki and the Bourazani bridge and were advancing toward the Bourazani and Volodati bridges, keys to the Konitsa approaches.

It was reported that the United Nations Balkan Commission observation team, including Col A. C. Miller of the United States, had reached Kalpaki, 12 miles south of Konitsa, and planned to tour the front—United Press.

Singapore Piracy

Singapore, Dec. 30. — Masked pirates seized a small Chinese coastal vessel two miles off Singapore. They looted her of over US\$2,700 worth of coconut oil and escaped.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

A Missing Link

HONGKONG and Canton are at present linked by river, rail, air, radio and through the post offices. There should be a sixth line of communication—radio telephony. Before the war the two cities were able to communicate by trunk line, telephone—a service of enormous value to businessmen. Today the quickest method of contact is by cable. Hongkong and Manila can exchange calls by radio telephony and only the formal approval from Lisbon is awaited to put a similar service into operation between the Colony and Macao. Why is Canton behind the times? The answer, it would appear, is simple. The Chinese authorities are insisting on receiving two-thirds of the total takings as they did under the pre-war agreement. But there is an important distinction which makes it necessary for the Hongkong authorities to demand a 50-50 sharing. The original telephony communications between Hongkong and Canton were by trunk lines, with Canton having to meet a bigger proportion of cable-laying and maintenance charges; hence it was agreed that Canton was entitled to a bigger share of the income. With radio telephony, however, the costs are equally borne and Hongkong, not reasonably, adopts the attitude that takings should also be

King Michael's Abdication

BELIEVED CAUSED BY HIS ROMANCE

Rumanian Republic

London, Dec. 30.—King Michael, the 26-year-old monarch of Rumania, today signed away his throne and all Royal prerogatives left him by his exiled father, King Carol, and a "Popular Republic" was proclaimed in the Communist-dominated state.

An extraordinary session of the Rumanian Parliament tonight unanimously accepted the bill proclaiming Rumania a "People's Republic."

King Michael was known to have quarrelled with his Government over his romance with the 24-year-old Princess Anne, of Bourbon-Parma, but the proclamation announcing his abdication to the Rumanian people tonight gave the reason as the "deep political, economic and social changes" which had taken place in the past few years in Rumania.

His father abdicated under German pressure on September 6, 1940, after a chequered reign, during 20 years of which he was associated with the ill-fated King Carol. He finally married her in South America last July.

King Michael, the broadcast announcement said, considered the monarchy to be "a serious obstacle on the road to the country's development," and the Government accepted this view.

The Rumanian Parliament, by ratifying the abdication, leaves the "stormy Balkans" with only one monarchy—in Greece. The Rumanian King's action today followed a few weeks after his visit to Britain for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth last month. It was during this visit that his name was first linked with Princess Anne, of Bourbon-Parma.

THE PEOPLE'S DESTINY

The Rumanian Government, in its proclamation on King Michael's abdication, told the Rumanian people that they had been given the freedom to choose for themselves a new form of State and had "taken their destiny into their own hands."

"The Rumanian people, liberated in 1944 from the yoke of Fascist conquerors and their servants, has taken its destiny in its own hands," the proclamation said.

Headed by a conscientious and resolute working class allied to an industrious peasantry, the Rumanian people have rejected the regime of the Boyars (the old land-owning families), punished traitors of the interests of the people and eliminated from the state administration all those who protected the interests of their enslavers.

"The Rumanian people have succeeded in installing a democratic regime."

STEADFAST COURAGE



Mr R. G. G. Stanton, now First Officer of the Wing Sang, being decorated yesterday at Government House by His Excellency the Governor with the DSO, awarded him for "steadfast courage in the face of overwhelming odds in action between Singapore and Batavia in February, 1942," when he was acting as First Lieutenant of the Li Wo.—Francis Wu

New Year's Holiday

Tomorrow, being New Year's Day, the Telegraph will not be published.

Publication will be resumed on Friday.

The South China Morning Post will publish tomorrow, but not on Friday. Publication will resume on Saturday.

FIGHTING IN MUKDEN

Nanking, Dec. 30.—Fierce street fighting is reported to be raging in the suburbs of Mukden, according to a usually reliable source in Nanking tonight.

Earlier today, the Vice-Minister of National Defence, General Lia Wei, presented a two-hour report to the Executive Yuan on the military situation in Manchuria in general and Mukden in particular.

Neutral military observers in Nanking tonight were not alarmed over the startling news as they maintained that the Government's position in Manchuria is precarious as shown by the strict press censorship imposed in Mukden last Friday.

Another source claims that when the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Manchuria, General Chen Tung-kuo, was in Nanking last week, he suggested to high military authorities that the Government forces should be withdrawn from both Changchun and Kirin to reinforce the garrison at Mukden.

This recommendation was rejected by the authorities who decided that without Changchun and Kirin, the Manchurian capital of Mukden would be untenable.—Reuters.—A.A.P.

Salaries Report Tomorrow

It was officially announced this morning that a statement concerning the decision of the Secretary of State on the Salaries Commission's recommendations is in the course of preparation and will be published in the papers tomorrow.

Savage Communal Riot In Haifa

47 KILLED AND 49 WOUNDED

Jerusalem Battle

Jerusalem, Dec. 30.—Arab riflemen stormed a Jewish machine-gun post in Jerusalem's German colony, starting a new gun battle, as darkness fell tonight after the most savage communal riot so far in Palestine's 30-day "masked civil war."

The machine-gun post was reported to be manned by Haganah, the Jewish defence militia. The colony had been evacuated by the Jews shortly after the United Nations partition decision late last month when two Jewish shops were bombed and set on fire.

Jerusalem was cut off from the rest of the world for one hour tonight when Arab telephone operators left their posts in the city's General Post Office.

In the fighting at the Haifa oil refineries today, 41 Jews and six Arabs were killed and another 49 wounded.

British troops and police then occupied the Consolidated Refineries oil factory—the Mediterranean terminal of the Iraq pipeline—and an air of quiet settled on the port.

The German colony was a bedlam of shooting tonight as Arab riflemen were reported to have gone into action against the Haganah machine-gun post.

The oil refinery rioting is the biggest incident since the partition decision touched off the racial disorders in Palestine. The fighting began when two "barrel" bombs were hurled from a speeding car among 100 Arab labourers standing by the main gate of the Consolidated Oil refinery plant on the Haifa-Acre road in north Palestine.

In a matter of seconds, hundreds of infuriated Arabs ran amok in the yard of the plant, stoning, punching and stabbing Jewish workers there.

The yard became filled with shrieking, milling, mauling and kicking men.

TROOPS CHARGE

Steel helmeted troops of the crack British cavalry regiment, the Third Hussars, charged into the centre of the riot, but did not disperse the fighters until the casualty role reached the highest figure for any single incident since the partition was announced.

Official estimates tonight said that 41 Jews were killed and seven wounded, with six Arabs dead and 42 wounded.

The barrel bombs which precipitated the riot were said to be similar in type to the one which killed 13 Arabs and wounded more than 30 at the Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, yesterday.

A stiff fight is anticipated in some quarters when the two blockade-runners, the Pan York and Pan Crescent, arrive with nearly 12,000 visas for immigrants on board. The ships, described as the best of their kind, were seen by British doctors who helped to examine them at the Bosphorus control point of Bujukdere, are now being shadowed through the Aegean Sea by units of the Royal Navy, a Reuter despatch from Athens stated today.

Other troubles reported in Palestine today included:

BRITISH POLICE KILLED

Jerusalem:—Three British policemen were killed in Jerusalem today, it was officially reported. One was killed outright and a second died later of wounds when unknown assailants threw a hand-grenade and opened automatic fire in Agrippa's Way, in the heart of the Jewish quarter.

A third fell under a hail of Arab bullets while on escort duty at the

funeral of a Jewish doctor, Hugo Lehrs, who was killed by Arabs on the outskirts of the city two days ago.

Lifta:—Haganah, the Jewish defence force, claimed that their night raiders killed at least two Arabs and demolished one house in a punitive attack with mortars and Bren guns on the Arab village of Lifta, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, early today.

Gaza:—Armed Arabs looted two wagons of flour when they held up a train in Deir El Balah railway station in Gaza, southern Palestine. It was officially reported.

The train was going from Kantara, Egypt, to Lydda. Competent observers in Jerusalem today suggested that the intensification of communal fighting throughout the country might lead to a postponement of the withdrawal of the British civil administration from Palestine, due-to-be-completed by May 15.

The British forces might be compelled to remain at their posts, it was suggested, so that the United Nations Commission would not be faced with chaotic conditions when taking over.

VIOLENCE INCREASES

Since the United Nations partition decision, there has been a gradual spread of increased violence, with heavy loss of life on both sides, which has indicated that the British forces and the civil administration may be compelled to remain at their posts in an endeavour to ease the situation.

The Palestine Government is known to have tried to mediate between the warring Arabs and Jews, on the grounds that continued strife is seriously detrimental to the future of Palestine.

Although following out a policy of complete impartiality, the efforts to reach some form of truce have been unsuccessful, as has been indicated by the recent upsurge of violence.

The Government, the police and the army—operating today under cross-fire from both sides—are doing all in their power to keep essential services running, as well as to guarantee the distribution of food and essential supplies throughout the troubled Holy Land.

In this apparently thankless task, numbers of British lives have been lost, but both Arabs and Jews continue to accuse the British of favouritism to the other side. British troops and police have drawn up plans for greater protection of convoys travelling inland from the coast, which are under constant attack, but there is no doubt that the security forces are stretched to the limit, as clashes are occurring all over the country.—Reuters.

UNRRA's US\$372,453,000 Aid To China

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration today disclosed that it had spent US\$372,453,000, excluding medical aid, for postwar relief and reconstruction in China.

Figures were given in a message from Maj-Gen Lowell W. Rooks, UNRRA Director General, to the Chinese government on the eve of the withdrawal of the UNRRA Mission from China.

General Rooks wrote: "The

UNRRA programme included US\$153,251,000 for food supplies, which we believe helped materially to alleviate starvation and suffering in food-deficient areas in China. "We have high hopes that good crops from now on will further alleviate the situation, especially with the introduction of agricultural machinery and fertilizers under the agricultural programme."

"On the rehabilitation side, the UNRRA programme included US\$169,742,000 for rehabilitation of industrial enterprises and transporta-

tion and US\$2,400,000 for agricultural rehabilitation."

General Rooks did not give the figure for the medical programme, which included the flight by special plane of a number of consignments of urgently needed medicine serums to avert epidemics.

The Director General added that the China operation was one of the most complex handled by UNRRA due to the nation's eight years of enemy occupation and the complete disruption of transportation.—United Press.

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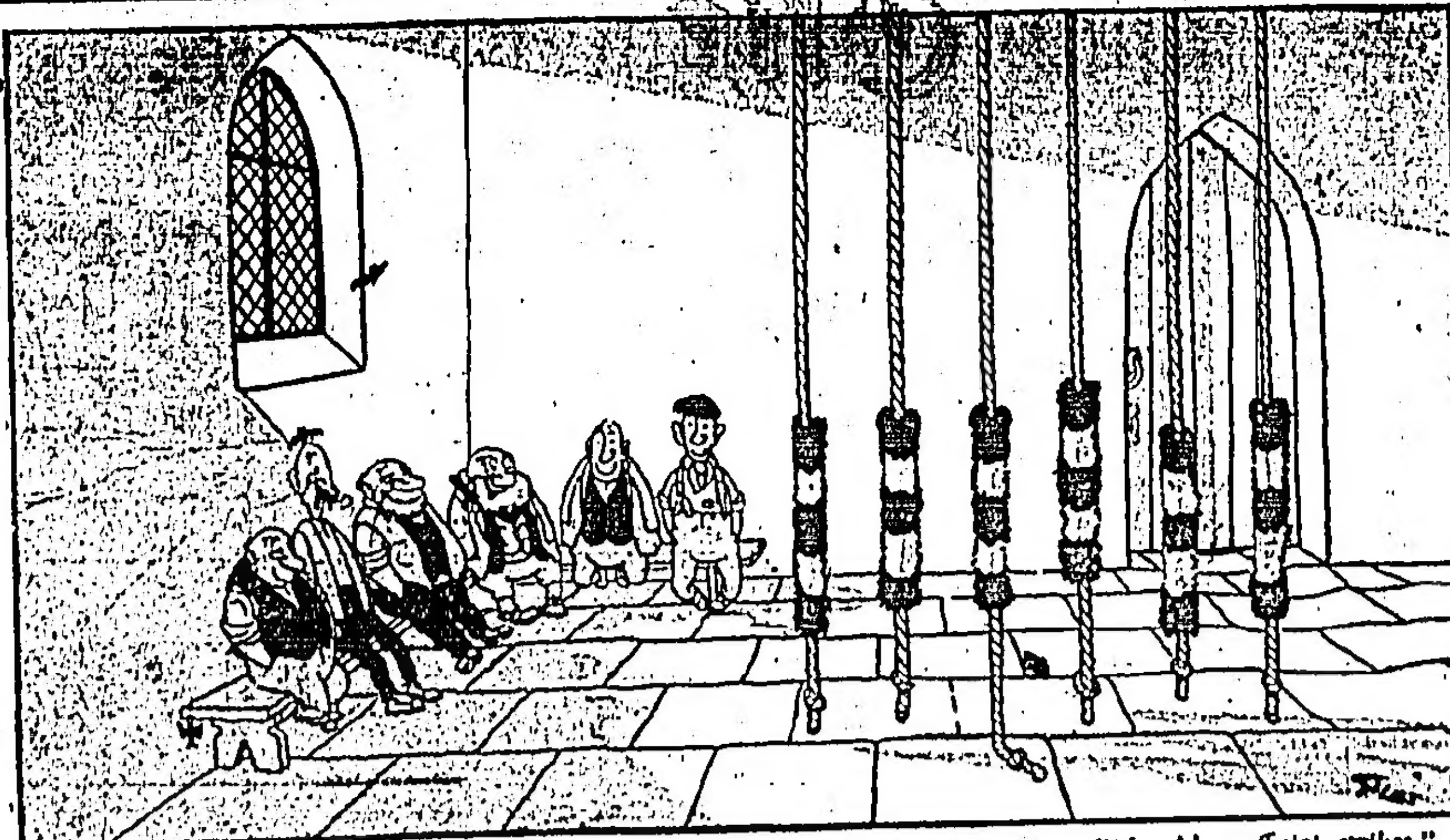
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

This is the second in the series of profound criticism dealing with the development of Modern Man by Women, Children and Dogs. Ladies and Gentlemen (and children and dogs, too, if they like), N. Gubbins, Esq., presents How To Endure Children.

THE days when children were seen and not heard, or heard once and socked hard, are over.

These are the days when fathers are seen and not heard. It won't be long before they're socked by their sons and daughters if they don't behave themselves.

Already they are verbally socked by women if they offer any criticism of their children.

If they physically sock the woman and the children, which is the normal, natural thing to do, they are socked before a magistrate who socks them for a fine or 14 days or both with a lot of silly remarks thrown in.

Years later it may be the same magistrate who sentences the unsocked child, now a young hooligan, to 14 days or more.

If the wretched father is still alive he will be blamed and severely censured by this magistrate for not bringing his children up properly.

So you can see that whereas mothers and children and magistrates have rights (and even dogs have some) fathers have no rights at all.

The purpose of this article is to show you how to make the best of your miserable condition.

Morning

MAYBE you want to read the paper on Sunday morning? Your father read the paper. So did your grandfather and probably his father before him.

But they lived in the days before it was discovered that children must have free expression; the days before every housewife had heard about psycho-analysis and babbling about complexes; the days before it was believed that if a child wasn't allowed to smash everything on the breakfast table it would grow up into an inhibited lunatic, determined to smash everything in the world.

When your grandfather wanted to read the paper he read the paper. If anybody smashed anything at the breakfast table there were a couple of sharp cracks, a couple of yelps, and dead silence.

Your grandfather went on reading the paper. It will be entirely different, despite the fact that crockery is now much more expensive and hard to come by.

When your small son (shall we call the little beast Eric?)—when your small son wants to express his horrid nature by banging his spoon on the porridge plate until he breaks it, you mustn't do anything about it, even though you are in the middle of one of those illuminating leading articles.

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You must give up reading the paper and maybe give up eating your breakfast, too, while Eric throws knives and forks on the floor. If by any chance your repressed manhood asserts itself and you smack little Eric, then your wife will think you have lost your reason. That very evening she will write to her mother:—

"Albert (that's you) hit Eric to-day. Of course, I know the war's

responsible for a lot, but do you think Albert's gone mad?"

Little Eric will know about this letter (they know everything), and from that moment he will also know he has got you just where he wants you.

Afternoon

ONE of the places where little Eric wants you is in the armchair after Sunday dinner.

In that position you can be used for something to sit on, something to kick, something to wipe sticky fingers (and even noses) on, and something to bounce a ball against. You can also be used as a mountain, a small scenic railway (without the scenery), a horse, or a punching bag.

Of course, your grandfather would have put up with this for about 10 seconds, if he put up with it at all. After that there would have been another smack, another yelp, and silence for the rest of the afternoon.

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But you? You must endure it during little Eric's pleasure unless you want to be considered a sadist or a homicidal maniac. "A Hitler in the home" is the favourite expression.

For the same reason you must, without protest, have your eyes forcibly opened if you try to sleep, the same sticky fingers pushed up your nostrils ("Fingers Up Your Nose" is a favourite game among little Eric's), and maybe your ears pulled like a couple of bell ropes.

Almost certainly your shoes will be unlinked and your socks removed. You will be lucky to have your trousers on by tea-time.

Tea-time will be much the same as breakfast-time except that you won't be trying to read the paper. You will have given that up as hopeless.

But in order that little Eric may not grow up wanting to throw bombs at somebody he will have to throw bombs at you.

And in case he might want to shoot someone when he reaches manhood he will have to work it out of his system by firing bread pellets at you.

Never at his mum, of course. She sits there laughing. Little Eric was always full of fun. Just like her funny father.

After tea you must be a horse again (this time on your hands and knees), or a bear, or even a lion with a proper roar, if your tonials will stand it.

Unrestricted bolsterousness at these games will prevent your son growing up into a jockey, a zec, or a keeper looking after the bears, or a lion tamer.

Evening

IN grandfather's time (sorry to bring the old man up again) little boys went to bed after tea. But not little Eric.

If little Eric goes to bed too early he can't sleep and therefore howls. If he goes to bed too late he is overtired and howls just the same.

RUSSIA UNLIKELY TO GIVE CHINESE REDS ALL-OUT AID

BY MILES W. VAUGHN

SOVIET Russia is not likely to intervene in force to assist the Chinese Communists in Manchuria and North China should the United States announce a programme of extensive military assistance to the Nanking Government designed to smash the Chinese Red troops. This is the opinion of high American and Chinese officials with whom I have talked recently.

It is generally agreed that the Russians have been giving the Chinese Communists only limited military assistance thus far, and Russia is not in a position at this

time to risk an all-out conflict with the United States for the control of Eastern Asia. And the control of Eastern Asia, it is emphasised, is precisely what is at stake—just as it was at stake when Japan seized Manchuria and developed it as a base for aggression in China Proper and Southeast Asia.

Russia, in the opinion of the same officials, still lacks most of the essentials for modern warfare. Her experts may possibly have some theoretical knowledge of how to make the atomic bomb, but they cannot actually make one because of the lack of a vast number of resources necessary for such a project.

Russia has no navy worth mentioning, and it is recalled that no great wars were ever won without control of the sea. Her industrial establishment is still more of a pigmy compared with that of the United States. Her communications system in Siberia is utterly inadequate to supply any great number of troops in Manchuria and North China provinces.

It is recalled that Russia retreated and entered into neutrality and non-aggression agreements when she faced the threat of superior military might from Germany and Japan, and it is believed that Russia will again retreat if she faces the threat of a superior military force from the United States and China.

Jap Equipment

THE Russians unquestionably have supplied the Chinese Communist army great quantities of arms and ammunition and other military supplies surrendered to them by the Japanese in Manchuria and North Korea, her informants stated, and it is believed that they are still running in limited supplies on Soviet ships plying between Vladivostok and the Soviet-controlled port of Dairen, in South Manchuria.

They have not been giving the Chinese Communists, however, any supplies or equipment which may be needed by Russian-armed forces.

It is recognised that Russia would, of course, start a tremendous propaganda barrage if the United States announced any programme of extensive military aid to China, but the United States and China would be in an excellent position to reply. They could stress, among other things, the fact that Russia utterly ignored those parts of the Yalta agreement designed to keep Manchuria open to all nations, that Russia still maintains an iron curtain around the South Manchurian port of Dairen, and that Russia repeatedly flouted provisions of the Sino-Russian treaty of 1945 on the obviously flimsy pretext that a "state of war" still existed between Japan and the Allies.

Bluff and Bluster

SOME informants suggested that the United States and China start an immediate diplomatic offensive against the Soviet Union in the United Nations by filing a formal declaration with the UN that Russia's actions in Manchuria constitute "a threat to peace."

Russia is guilty of the "gravest and most flagrant violations of her solemn privileges with regard to Manchuria," one official said. "She is wide open for a diplomatic offensive in the United Nations."

An American military expert, emphasising that the United States now has adequate munitions and other supplies in possession of its Far East command to outfit 15 Chinese divisions at once, estimated that the Chinese Communist armed forces could be crushed in a quick campaign long before Russia could assemble men and materials to intervene, even if she wanted to do so.

It is believed that Russia's position in the Far East is based on a policy of "bluff and bluster," with very little real military force to support it in the event of a showdown.—United Press.

"Nervous Frog"

A "nervous" frog with orange coloured skin is among the London Zoo's new acquisitions from the Moscow Zoo.

The keepers say that it is so nervous among strangers that it lies down, folds its front legs and signs death.—Associated Press.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

MAJOR ROLLING, J.P., dashed into the Wagging Parva police station yesterday morning in a state of great excitement.

He reported that, while gathering seaweed among the rocks on the shore near Blacklion Point, he had heard queer sounds, muffled and indistinct, like voices under the earth.

He concluded that the Moonbeam was trying to send a message to Wagging Parva. "What is the charge?" asked the sleepy Sergeant, who had not heard a word. The Major repeated his story. He said that the sounds were intermittent, and he would not swear that they were not coming from the upper air.

"Seagulls," said Sergeant Bulkey laconically. "It was more like human voices," said the Major. "Boys in the Blacklion caves," said the Sergeant. "I looked in the caves," said the Major. "There was nobody there."

Sergeant Bulkey in action

"ARE you hinting that there's been a murder?" asked Sergeant Bulkey, whose brain was working slowly. "I am not," said the Major. "But queer noises need investigating."

"If," said the Sergeant with inebriated patience in his voice, "I was to investigate every queer noise in these parts I'd die of exhaustion in four days. As for messages from the stateroom, they aren't no concern of the police, I can see of. But to make you easy, sir, I will now conduct a private investigation—but it must be private. We don't want no panic."

Literary causerie

A WORD or two misplaced or used wrongly," says an article about spelling and writing, "may mar an entire passage." How true! As thus:

In the quieter moments of the aria when the voice should be soft and appealing, and hardly heard above the murmuring orchestra, she yelt like a stevedore. Or thus:

While one respects his opinions and the sincerity with which he expresses them, one has to admit that he is an accursed fool to try to write at all. Or thus:

Much as he respected the honourable Member, he continued, and though he yielded to none in his admiration for him, he felt bound to observe that a dirtier rat never crawled the floor of the House.

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I know of no better plan than one for your Health and Beauty. Lay your plans carefully now and be sure to keep to your self-imposed schedule.

It is important to go over your food and diet plans. If you are overweight, record your weight now. Then start a sensible Food Control plan. Of course, if you don't feel well, consult your physician. If you are underweight, the above advice is for you, also.

A set of exercises should be pinned to your work sheet.

Study your skin, your hair, your contour, then set to work. Deep cleansing for skin beautification and improvement, new makeup colours which will "do something" for your own special skin and hair colour. Get a new outlook on life—read books which will give you a new slant and provide food for thought as well as for conversation.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Very often you just haven't time to change your makeup. But you can refresh your skin and get a fresh glow! Wrap an ice cube in a bit of damp cotton. Sprinkle this with skin freshener or toilet water. Rub over throat and face. Press the perfumed ice cube over the closed eyelids. Press cosmetic tissues over throat and face, then pat on face powder. Brush off excess. A little Accent with your lipstick—and there you are!

GLITTER GOWN



Long sleeves, full skirt and its tulle front covered with glittering sequins... smoky pink wool dinner dress from the Michael Bernard collection.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Honest, Mr. Simpson, I'm not really a witch! It's me, Rosamary, see?"

Distress Brings Gain To Indian Racketeers

Lush new black market fields were opened by communal rioting and fighting in Kashmir, writes Associated Press correspondent Milton Kelly.

The eruption of fierce communal fighting caused acute shortages of food and other necessities. To those necessities were added the voices of opium smokers, who said their normal supply sources had been upset. Black marketeers took advantage of the situation.

Opium smoking is illegal in both dominions, but there are many addicts.

Safety and access to safety have become recognised black market commodities. Statisticians of the Tata Industrial Empire in India recently made pointed comment that a governmental crackdown was in order.

BEREAVED FAMILY'S PEACE MOVE

Because Capt. John Putnam, Jr., was shot down on his 52nd mission over Europe during the war, his sorrowing family has started a peace movement. It is gathering public support in America.

The peace movement, known as World Security Workers, has gained support of many leading citizens in different parts of the country. Dr. Albert Einstein is one of the supporters, its promoters claim.

The idea of world security workers, a crusade to create a mass demand for the establishment of world government, was born in the family of John B. Putnam, a Cleveland attorney.

After the death of John, Jr., the family felt it must do something to prevent a repetition of warfare. Out of months of discussion with civic leaders, World Security Workers emerged.

World Government

The organization advocates centralized world government with law and a military arm to enforce its decision upon the nations, but has no blueprint of the form such a government should take. It is meant to serve only as an instrument through which millions of people, wanting an orderly world, can make themselves heard by their government leaders, according to the founders.

The Putnams believe that when the swell of sentiment becomes impelling enough, extending through the U.S. and eventually that world, national leaders cannot resist the demand for the establishment of a world government.

Formidable Wall

"If Russia, at first, does not cure to come along," said Mrs. Putnam, who runs the organization's office here, "she'll find herself behind a wall of people far more impenetrable than the iron curtain."

"There has always been a government for war. Now we'll have world government for peace with rules so strong that nobody can upset us again."

Membership in World Security Workers is accomplished by signing a pledge to give active support to the cause of world government. There are no dues.

QUONSET HUT MONASTERY

What may be the first monastery ever constructed of Quonset huts is to be built in Huntsville, Utah, for the Catholic order of Cistercians, or Trappist fathers.

Four Quonset huts will comprise the monastery, built in a 170-foot square, with a bell tower and cross rising 71 feet.

This will be the fifth monastery of the order in the United States. The others are in Kentucky, Iowa, Georgia and Rhode Island.

Check Your Knowledge

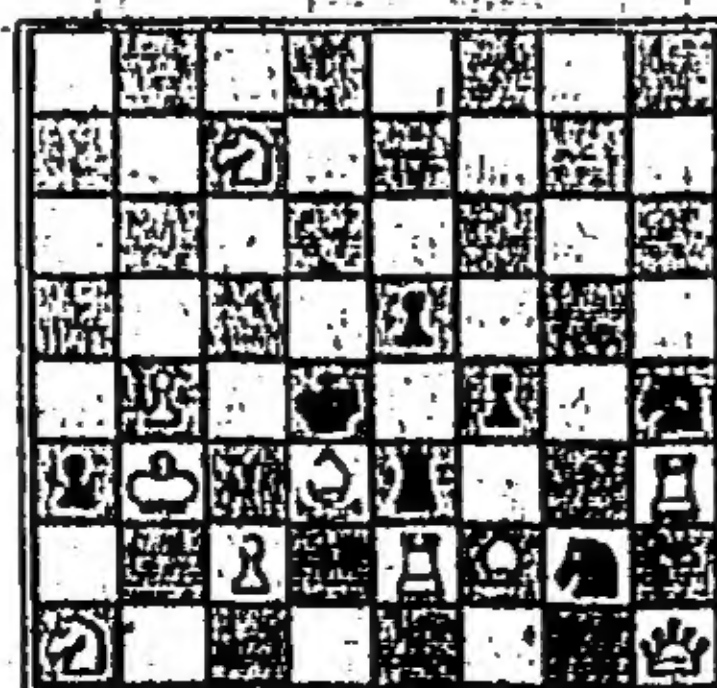
1. Locate the Channel Islands.
2. Denmark, Switzerland and Wisconsin, U.S.A. specialise in what cattle products?
3. Name the author of "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."
4. What are founding hospitals?
5. The caribou is found mainly in what region?
6. Where was Rudyard Kipling born?

(Answers on Page 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

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Comet Splits Into Two

London, Dec. 30.—The new comet, 1947 IV, is reported to have split into two sections, which are now 1,200 miles apart and going different ways.

This report is made by Copenhagen Observatory, but scientists at Greenwich Observatory have seen no signs of the split.

People at Plymouth and in Jersey and the Scilly Isles reported seeing the comet last night. It was visible for about seven minutes.

The Plymouth observers declared they saw a bright star, orange in colour. Scilly Isles inhabitants said that the comet was low on the horizon at a few minutes past six.

A member of the Cambridge Solar Physics Observatory, however, says that the people probably were mistaken.—Reuter.

GRIM FLOOD SPECTRE IN W. EUROPE

London, Dec. 30.—France sought emergency credits to-night to cope with the vast floods which have rendered more than 1,000 persons homeless and plunged many large northeastern towns into darkness.

The principal rivers in Western Europe are in spate and still rising. The Rhine and its tributaries have overflowed at many points, bringing shipping to a standstill and threatening the homes of basement dwellers in Cologne and other towns of Germany.

The French Council of Ministers decided to ask the National Assembly to vote supplementary credits, where necessary, for areas affected by the flooding, which left many large cities without heat and light.

River authorities are reported to be working "all-out" to minimise the threat to life and property.

Eighteen tons of food from the "Friendship Train," which brought the voluntary gifts to France from America, are to be sent to flooded areas of Eastern France.

Collar Dwellers Move
In Germany, families living in the cellars of wrecked houses in Cologne's old city are moving out as a safety precaution while the Rhine rises steadily.

Road traffic across the Rhine is obstructed by a partial collapse of the "Freemant" bridge near Dueseldorf when flood water swept a string of barges against one of the piers.

Considerable floods were also reported today from the Rhine's tributaries.

In the Cologne area, 50 vessels are immobilised.

Five French departments worst affected, are in the basins of the Meurthe and the Moselle rivers, where low-lying farms vanished under water.

Local military formations are carrying out rescue operations.

Flooding in the Bas Rhin department, on the German frontier, is the worst for 50 years.—Reuter.

Factory Shipped To China

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The component parts of a small arms factory have been shipped from Canada to China as part of a \$10,000,000 deal between the two countries for Canadian military equipment.

Mosquito bombers, ammunition for the planes, and landing ground equipment are also included in the deal, which developed from the 1945 mutual aid agreement, it was disclosed.

The small arms ammunition making equipment included machine tools, power tools and presses.

When assembled, it would be able to produce 303 bullets, used chiefly in the Lee-Enfield rifle and certain medium machine guns.

It would also be able to turn out nine millimetre bullets used in Sten guns and in the new Canadian automatic pistol.—Reuter.

INDIA TO TAKE KASHMIR CASE TO UNITED NATIONS

London, Dec. 30.—India will ask the United Nations Security Council for judgment on the Kashmir issue if Pakistan does not, within the next few days, respond to India's request that the raiders be withdrawn from that state, it is reliably learned in New Delhi.

India has not, however, given Pakistan any specific deadline which would amount to an ultimatum, authoritative quarters stated.

India's decision to refer the Kashmir dispute to the Security Council is entirely proper and legal, according to United Nations legal counsellors at Lake Success tonight.

The hope was expressed, however, that conciliation can still be effected between both parties.

According to Article 34 of the Charter, any state can bring to the attention of the Council "any dispute or any situation which might lead to international friction or determine whether the continuance of a dispute or a situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security."

But legal experts at Lake Success point out that the preceding article of the Charter also recommends to states to seek first of all a solution of any dispute by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration or judicial settlement before bringing it to the Security Council.

Not Exhausted
If all such measures fail—and there is a feeling here that conciliation has not been entirely exhausted—then nothing is left but to debate the issue in the Security Council.

Although experience has shown that the Security Council is too

often unable to take positive action in political disputes, informed United Nations observers feel more optimistic about the Kashmir case, as it would appear on the surface that there are no big power interests involved and no ideological or political aspects to the dispute.

It is, therefore, confidently expected at the headquarters of the United Nations that the Security Council may reach a solution acceptable to both parties, though not necessarily satisfying to either.

The United Nations has not as yet been informed officially of the dispute, and it is not regarded likely by United Nations observers that the case could start at Lake Success before the end of January at the earliest.

If the Kashmir issue comes before the Council, it is expected in London, quarters that United Kingdom representatives will be prepared to give support to any proposal calculated to bring the problem which would avoid unilateral action by the Government of India.

British Anxiety
This is the first point which emerges from the news that India has declared her intention of laying a complaint against Pakistan over the Kashmir problem.

Authoritative London quarters tonight confirm that the Government of India has now informed the United Kingdom Government of its intentions.

The British Government, much concerned about the Kashmir situation, is known to be anxious to assist in measures likely to achieve a peaceful settlement between India and Pakistan.

No doubt every possible step would be taken to ensure the earliest possible hearing of the Government of India's complaint and Pakistan's own appreciation of the situation and her reply to the specific charges made by the Government of India.

There will, doubtless, be a general desire to avoid any lengthy process of argument and counter-argument that might delay a peaceful and friendly settlement.

Equally, if the matter is to be raised before the Security Council, there will be a desire to defer any action that might be prejudicial to an amicable outcome of the dispute.

Britain, as has been underlined time and again, like her Commonwealth partners, has no sympathy for the observer, and no one questions the right of the Government of India to place the Kashmir issue before the Council, or the propriety of its action in so doing.

Price of Independence
In some British political quarters tonight, however, there was a disposition to recall that the subcontinent of India, during her long struggle for independence, has always tended to resent anything in the nature of outside advice or arbitration.

The division of India into two dominions has been the inevitable price of independence, but to many sympathetic observers in London, the interests of India and Pakistan seem to be so closely bound up with one another politically and economically that it is impossible to think of the two nations looking over each other's frontiers as foreigners, let alone as enemies.

Many people throughout the Commonwealth would hail as an act of supreme statesmanship a friendly settlement achieved directly by India and Pakistan.—Reuter.

SPORT:
YVON PETRA WILL SOON TURN PRO
Paris, Dec. 30.—Marcel Hansenne, well-known French athlete who is a great friend of Yvon Petra, former Wimbledon tennis champion, today confirmed reports that Petra will shortly forego his amateur status.

According to Hansenne, Petra is establishing himself in Belgium where he will take up a contract with a Belgian firm of racket makers and will devote himself to training the Belgian Olympic tennis team.—Reuter.

TENNIS AND DOLLARS
Melbourne, Dec. 30.—Mr. H. A. Pitts, senior Vice-President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, for announcing the formal challenge for the 1948 Davis Cup competition, said that this would not commit the Association to any competing.

The Association, it is understood, will not discuss the tour and the dollar position until next month.—Reuter.

FRENCH NATIONAL STUD
Paris, Dec. 30.—The French Government has spent 20,100 guineas on eight horses to start a French national stud.

It paid 3,000 guineas and 4,000 guineas respectively for Camarade II and Fasano, both of whom ran in England this year without success.

Chesterfield, by Admiral Drake, was bought for 6,000 guineas and a steepchaser, Fair Blond, for 4,000 guineas.—Reuter.

RING RATINGS
Washington, Dec. 30.—The National Boxing Association, in its final ratings for the year, named Willie Pep and Gus Levesque to make "long overdue" defence of their titles and at the same time declared Jersey Joe Walcott as the "logical contender" for the heavyweight crown.

Abe J. Greene, President of N.B.A., said both Pep, featherweight champion, and Lesnevich, lightweight title holder, had been dilatory about arranging their defence.

Walcott was given the nod as the lone top challenger in the heavyweight division because of his recent great fight against champion Joe Louis.

In the middleweight division, the N.B.A. placed Marcel Cerdan, of France, ahead of former middleweight champion Tony Zale among the aspirants for Rocky Graziano's crown.

On the welterweight title held by Ray Robinson, the N.B.A. refused to recognize any logical challenger.

In the lightweight division Bob Montgomery, former champ, and Enrique Bolanos and Gene Burton were listed as the logical contenders for Ike Williams' crown.—United Press.

GARDEN PROSPECTS
New York, Dec. 30.—Two heavyweight boxers from Europe, who are as yet undefeated in their ring campaigns in the United States, are the favourite to win their matches in Madison Square Garden on Friday evening.

Fidel Arcinieguez of Spain is a slight favourite to gain the decision over Tommy Gomez of Tampa, Florida, and Gino Buavino of Italy expected to beat Rene Gossory of Oklahoma.

Gomez, who was considered a first heavyweight prospect a few years ago, is trying to make a comeback campaign. A cocky youngster of Indian descent who recently turned professional, he has yet to lose a bout.—Reuter.

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Decision On Japanese Reparations Felt Near

Tokyo, Dec. 30.—The final United States stand on the Japanese reparations question and future industrial level appears to be closer to definition today with the announcement that a group of American experts have departed for the United States after coming to Japan to study industrial conditions.

The reparations question is one of the hottest facing the Japanese today along with the exact industrial levels to be permitted—and what exact plants will be left intact.

An Allied Headquarters announcement said Mr. Rufus J. Weyer and other remaining members of Overseas Consultants Incorporated, United States, Mr. Weyer and his assistants were brought to Japan in August at the request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to study Japanese industrial levels.

Details of their report were not immediately available, and informed quarters in Allied Headquarters would not comment on the probable effect in the final reparations outcome. The Japanese regard the departure of that group obviously, bringing a final decision closer.

At the same time, it is recalled that the original Clifford Strike report on the same subject called for more lenient terms than the first Allied reparations and permanent industrial level. Mr. Strike is head of Overseas Consultants.

Japanese feel that the sooner the reparations picture is clarified they will be better armed to overcome the current difficulties—in which uncertainty over reparations rumors and inflation constitute twin problems—and to achieve domestic

OUTWARD MAILS
On Thursday, January 1, 1948, the General Post Office (G.P.O.) Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and registered one dependence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes. The money order office will be entirely closed. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel post close 30 minutes earlier than ordinary mail. It will close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous days.

CLOSING TIMES BY AIR
Manila, P.I. 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Luchow and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.
Tainan, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Luchow and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.
Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.
Swatow & Foochow (Sea) 1 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
Shanghai, 9.30 a.m.
Canton, Peking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Amoy, Foochow and Kwailin, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 9.30 a.m.
Canton, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) 11 a.m.
Sailon (Sea) Noon.
Shanghai (Sea) Noon.
Canton (Sea) Noon.
Straits and Batavia (Sea) Noon.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi & Kongmoon (Sea) Noon.

TO-DAY'S RADIO
H.K.T. Studio: Children's Half Hour, 6.00.
B.B.C. Transcription Service: The "Pirates Progress", 6.30. Relay St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, 6.30.
World and Home News, 7.15. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Law of the Land", 7.30.
George Melachrino & His String Quartet: "The Law of the Land", 7.30.
Best Program presented by Marion Glover, 8.30. Favourite Classical Requests of the Year 1947, 9.00.
Weather Report, 9.15.
Favourite Variety Requests of the Year 1947, 9.30.
"Beau Geste" by P. C. Wren, 9.45.
Episode 2, "The Law of the Land", 10.00.
Studio: "Here We Go A Wassail", 10.30.
Shepherd and Kenneth Dommett, 11.00.
Music and Song, 11.30.
Cantonese and Dance Music, 11.30.
American Bands play old favourites, 12.00.
Big Ben Chimes, Studio Party for Staff and Contributors, 12.10. Close Down.

"THE DEUM" BROADCAST
It is a long established custom for Catholics to sing a "Te Deum" in their Churches on the last night of the year, and this year this ceremony is being broadcast from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Garden Road, at 6.30 p.m.

The "Te Deum" is an opening prayer, and it is used by Catholics on solemn public occasions such as the signing of a peace treaty, or as a hymn of thanks for great recovery from God, and on the last day of the year for all the gifts received from God during that year.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers:
1. In the English Channel, off the coast of Normandy, France. 2. Dairy products. 3. Robert Louis Stevenson. 4. Hospitals established for children abandoned by unknown parents. 5. In northern Canada. 6. Bombay, India.

Philosopher Dead
Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dec. 30.—Alfred North Whitehead, 88, internationally known philosopher, died today of a cerebral haemorrhage.—Associated Press.

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Commission Leaves For Korea

Lake Success, Dec. 30.—The 27-member secretarial staff of the U.N. Temporary Commission on Korea will leave New York by plane on Friday.

A U.N. spokesman said the first meeting of the Commission on Korean soil is expected to be held on January 14. The Secretariat staff will fly via Tokyo. It is expected to reach Seoul on January 9.

The Commission itself is expected to reach Seoul simultaneously. One of its initial tasks will be to create the machinery for and supervise national elections, which will result in establishing a Korean constituent assembly. The U.N. Assembly resolution stipulated the elections must be held by March 31. The Commission was constituted as a nine-nation body, but its number was reduced to eight by the refusal of the Soviet Ukraine to accept appointment.

Five member nations have named their representatives. They are: S. H. Jackson of Australia, Yu Wan-lu of China, Jean Louis Paul Boncour of France, Senator Milicio Arranz of the Philippines and Dr. Zaki Dibi of Syria.

The Secretariat staff is headed by Dr. Victor Hoo of China, Assistant Secretary-General of U.N. for trusteeship affairs.

The Commission, constituted to lay the groundwork for the independence of Korea, faces a major problem in what to do about North Korea. The Soviet Union, which occupies that half of the nation, has indicated it will not permit the Commission to operate there. The Southern section is operated by U.S. forces.—Associated Press.

DOG RESCUES TWO BOYS
Isle of Wight, Dec. 30.—"Laddie", a five-year golden retriever, swam more than 50 yards in the Solent to rescue two boys drifting helplessly in a dinghy.

Laddie belongs to a resident of Ashlake, Fishbourne, Isle of Wight. The two boys, aged six and 12, pushed a dinghy adrift in Fishbourne Creek. Before they could jump out, the tide had carried them out 50 yards.

They tried to guide the boat with a piece of wood but it drifted helplessly.

Laddie heard the boy's cries for help and swam to the drifting dinghy. The boys grabbed his collar and Laddie towed the dinghy to shore.—Reuter.

NOTICE
HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of members of the Hongkong Automobile Association will be held in the Board Room, Morning Post Building, on Wednesday, January 1, 1948, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss the question of Reorganising the Association.

All members are earnestly requested to attend.

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Advertisers are requested to note that not less than 24 hours notice prior to the day of publication should be given for all commercial display advertisements, change of copy etc. Notices and Classified Advertisements will be received up till 4.30 p.m. for the following day.

5,000 Items
Previous allocations in the advance programme had consisted of about 10,000 machine tools and secondary metal working machinery to former Japanese arsenals. Up to the early part of December, reparations delegates of the four nations had inspected the equipment allocated to them in seven of 17 plants and submitted claims for 5,280 items from a total of 9,745 inspected.

The new equipment made available include most of the remaining types in arsenals. In general it consists of all movable machinery except special purpose equipment solely designed for war, equipment in authorised for the occupation and certain other types exempted by the FEC policy.

Brig-Gen W. K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of SCAP's reparations section, reported SCAP's recent declared additional Japanese army equipment in former Japanese army and naval arsenals available for allocation to the four claimant nations.

Brig-Gen Harrison said the advance allocations would not exceed 30 percent of equipment located in approximately 90 former army and naval arsenals with their several hundred subordinate dispersal areas.—United Press.

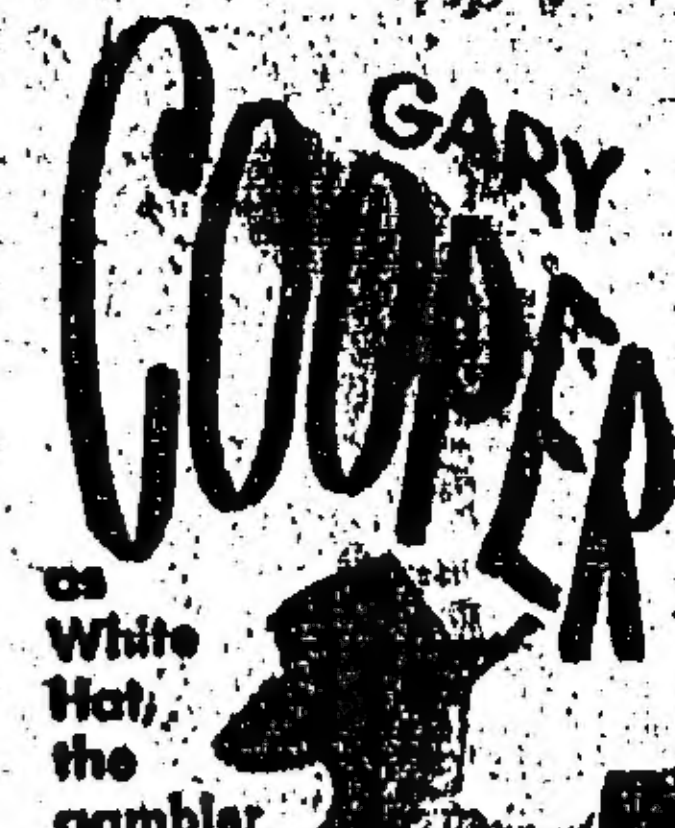
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